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In re Application of : Frank L. Bruno, et al

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For: UNIVERSAL VACUUM EXTENSION KIT

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

For the convenience of the Examiner and to comply with 37 CFR 1.56, 2.97 and 1.98, the following are patents containing information which the Examiner may consider important in the examination of this application.

Attached are copies of patents, in addition to those cited in the parent case, that may be of interest. Most of them are cited in the specification. The patents cited in the specification are briefly described there. R. McGrath et al (U.S. 4,997,209, issued 5 Mar 1991) uses a molded sleeve of elastomeric vinyl to attach a flexible hose to a variety of diameters vacuum inlets with a

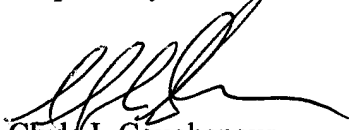
metal band used to make contact with connectors or a tapered or angled bore wall for sealing.

O. Muser (U.S. 4,783,099, issued 8 Nov 1988) joins opaque conduits together using transparent sleeves. None of these references teach simple stretchable elastic tubes to join connectors having different diameters with the tube per se forming the adapter. None of these patents teach simple stretchable elastic tubes as the adapter in a universal vacuum extension kit combination.

These patents, more specifically defined in the Form PTO-1449 attached, are: 2,273,211; 2,460,851; 3,306,634; 3,922,753; 4,053,962; 4,783,099; and, 4,997,209.

Applicant believes that none of the patents listed above, either individually or in combination, anticipate or render obvious applicant's claimed invention.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures: 7 Patents
Form PTO-1449

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